



# Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

## Monthly Drinking Water Webinar Series

Lori Mathieu, Branch Chief

09/08/2022

Public Water Systems | Certified Water Operators | Environmental Laboratories

# AGENDA

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories



- **Update from DPH**
- **DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Questions ?**

Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

# DPH/DWS Updates

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- **Drought Status**
- **DWS Circular Letters**
- **Cyber Security Updates**
- **Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality**
- **Lead and Copper Rule Revision updates**
- **Operators Certifications updates**
- **DWSRF updates**
- **WUCC Implementation**
- **October 13 Webinar-Special Focus on the Capacity Strategy**



Webinar #2022- 08

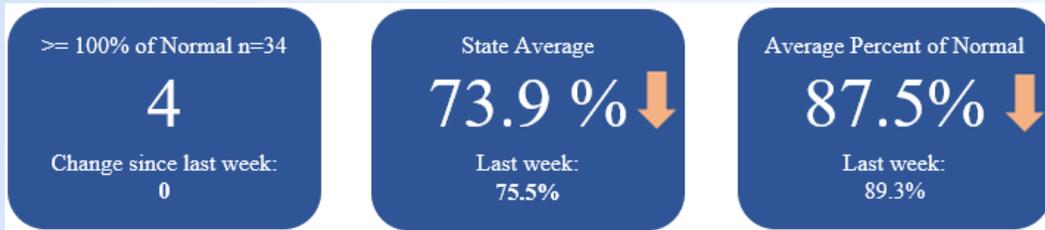
# Tracking per State Drought Plan

Water Utilities

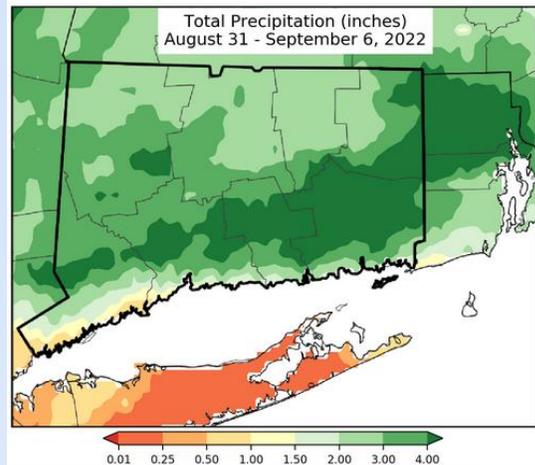
Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

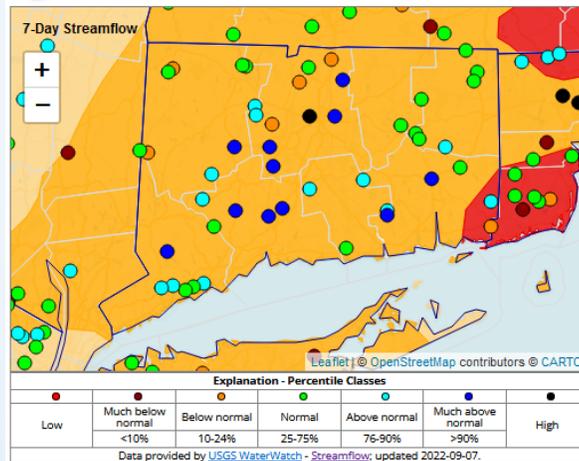
## Statewide Metrics: Reservoir Capacities



## Total Precipitation 8/31-9/6/2022

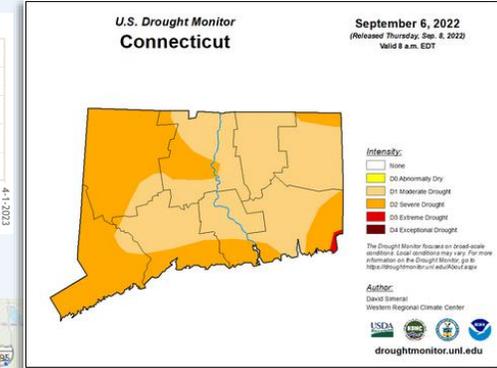
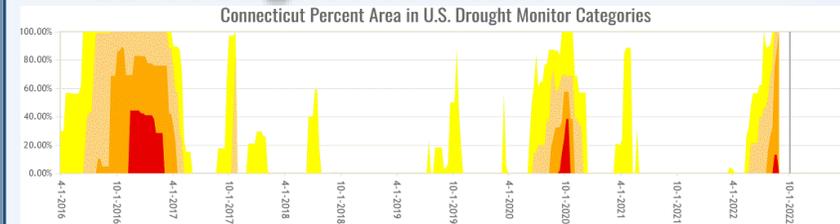


## 7-Day Streamflow

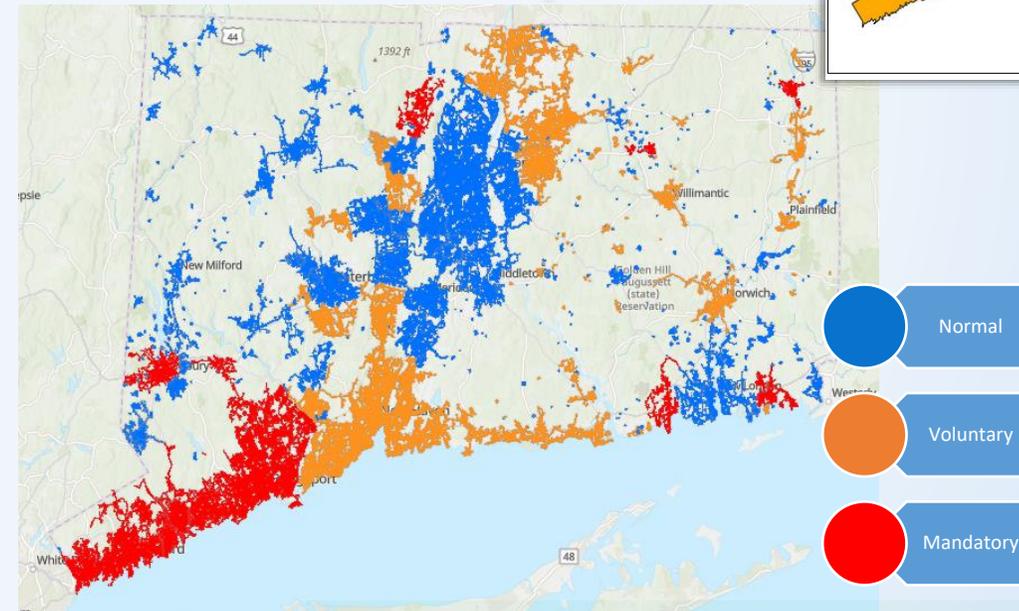


## US Drought Monitor:

Sept 6, 2022 Map



## CWS Conservation Requests



Any questions, please contact:

**Steven Harkey** || Email: [Steven.Harkey@ct.gov](mailto:Steven.Harkey@ct.gov)

Groundwater Watch website has stopped its service

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

## **DWS Circular Letter #2022-45**

Sent on August 9, 2022

**Reminder for the Monthly Drinking Water Webinar Series**

---

## **DWS Circular Letter #2022-46**

Sent on August 16, 2022

**CISA Webinar - The Importance of Multi-factor Authentication**

---

## **DWS Circular Letter #2022-48**

Sent on July 22, 2022

**Revised Reinstatement of Licensure Renewal Requirements**

Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

## DWS Circular Letter #2022-49

Sent on August 18, 2022

**Reporting of Water Hauling to Resupply Private Wells**

---

## DWS Circular Letter #2022-51

Sent on August 24, 2022

**Stage 3 Drought Declaration for Windham and New London Counties**

Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

# DWS Circular Letters

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

## DWS Circular Letter #2022-53

Sent on September 7, 2022

### **RTCR Level 2 Assessor Training**

#### **Two Sessions:**

**Tuesday October 18, 2022, 8:15 am – 3:15 pm**

**Thursday October 20, 2022, 8:15 am – 3:15 pm**

**\*\*Current Level 2 Assessors will need to attend class to continue to be eligible to conduct L2 Assessments\*\***

### Training will include:

- **RTCR Overview and Background**
- **Bacteria Sampling and Analytical Review**
- **Review of REVISED Level 2 Assessment Form & Instructions**
- **Level 2 Assessor Requirements & Responsibilities**
- **Level 2 Form Submission & Corrective Action Plans**

Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- **Legionella Work Group Public Act 22-58, Section 62**
- **Lead Work Group Public Act 22-49, Section 5**
- **Lead HUB Technical Assistance**
  - Rule
  - Inventory
  - Communication
  - Training



Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

# Cyber Security Contacts

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

**“See Something, Say Something”**

**Department of Public Health  
Drinking Water Section**



**1-860-692-2333**



**Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC)**

**TIPS Line: 1-866-HLS-TIPS (1-866-457-8477) Web: [www.ct.gov/sar](http://www.ct.gov/sar)  
Email: [ctic@ct.gov](mailto:ctic@ct.gov) Text: TIPS711 Mobile App: CTSAFE**

Webinar #2022- 08

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

- **UCMR5 Reminder: Actions your PWS must complete in SDWARS 5 before December 31, 2022**
- All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community systems that serve over 3,300 people should have received a letter from EPA with a customer retrieval code (CRK Letter)
  - Register for SDWARS 5
  - Read and accept your UCMR 5 Notification Letter
  - Ensure proper sample location inventory
  - Add the zip codes associated with all customers in your service area
  - Review your sampling schedule and revise as necessary
  - You may nominate other individuals to serve as representatives for your PWS

**Sampling begins January 2023**

- EPA is proposing to [designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances](#)
- 60-day comment period following publication on September 6, 2022 in the Federal Register at docket EPA-HQ-OLEM-2019-0341

Any questions, please contact: **860-509-7356**  
or [DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov)

# Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR)

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- **Effective date:** December 16, 2021
- **Compliance date:** October 16, 2024

## Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory

- Submit by October 16, 2024
- All CWS and NTNC
- Comply with LCRR requirements
- On CT prescribed inventory template (EHDW CL-2022-35)

**EPA's service line guidance and inventory template - Released August 4, 2022**

**Guidance:** [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Inventory%20Guidance\\_Final%20080322\\_1.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Inventory%20Guidance_Final%20080322_1.pdf)

**Inventory Template:** [https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Inventory%20Template\\_FINAL\\_0.xlsx](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-08/Inventory%20Template_FINAL_0.xlsx)

Webinar #2022- 08

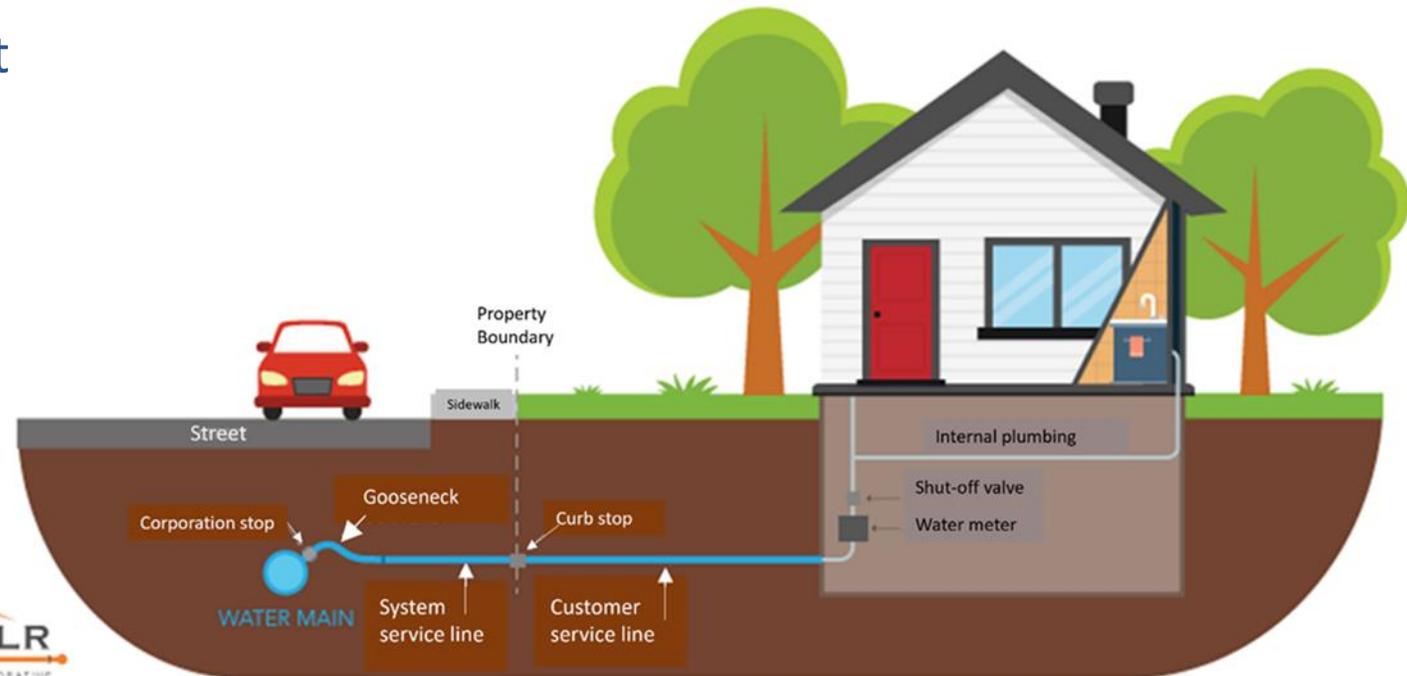
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH

Any questions, please contact:

**Cindy Sek** || **Email:** [cindy.sek@ct.gov](mailto:cindy.sek@ct.gov)

## Information needed in LSL Inventory – Based on Federal LCRR

- ◆ All service connections on the system
  - ◆ Address, location identifier (i.e. lat long), unique site ID
- ◆ Service lines (both system-owned and customer-owned) categorized to the following:
  - ◆ Lead
  - ◆ Galvanized requiring replacement
  - ◆ Non-lead
  - ◆ Lead status unknown
- ◆ Inventory Verification sources
- ◆ Lead gooseneck, pigtail, or connector (for sampling tier)
- ◆ Internal plumbing material (for sampling tier)
- ◆ LCRR Tier criteria



# Operator Certification Program

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

## COVID-19 Suspension of Certification Renewal (COVID-19):

- 5/5/22 CT DPH Commissioner's **ordered** the reinstatement of licensure renewal requirements-effective 5/10/2022,
  - All impacted certifications have a 11/10/22 expiration date – if not renewed by this date your certification “shall expire”,
  - **64 days Remaining to the 11/10/22 Certification Expiration**
  - No additional extension or modification to this deadline is expected,
  - Operator should begin to prepare for the submission of their renewal application,
  - Operators shouldn't wait to 11/10/22 to renew their certification,
  - Look for Certified Operator Message 216 (EHDW Circular Letter #2022-48)
  - **While the renewal cycle (COVID-19) of impacted certifications had been extended, the next cycle will be shortened by an equivalent amount**

Operator Certification Program – [dph.opcert@ct.gov](mailto:dph.opcert@ct.gov)

Bill Sullivan: (860)936-1266 | Kevin Veilleux: (860)937-7735 | Jofans George: (860)994-6231

# Operator Certification Program

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- **[www.elicense.ct.gov](http://www.elicense.ct.gov) - to check status of your certification,**
- **Print out, Fill out, Sign & Submit Via mail delivery (check made out to: “Treasurer, State of Connecticut”),**
- Operators can also request their renewal application via email,
- **send email request to [dph.opcert@ct.gov](mailto:dph.opcert@ct.gov) (please provide your name and cert. #),**
- Note the following links: **[Approved Training – Internet, Online and Correspondence Courses](#)**  
**[Approved Training Courses – Classroom Courses](#)**
- **Link to: [Operator Contact Update Form](#) (change of contact information including email address)**
- **10/18/2022 or 10/20/2022 RTCR Level 2 Assessor Training Course (6 hours) – Look for DWS CL #2022-53 (Certified Operator Message 217)**

Operator Certification Program – [dph.opcert@ct.gov](mailto:dph.opcert@ct.gov)

Bill Sullivan: (860)936-1266 | Kevin Veilleux: (860)937-7735 | Jofans George: (860)994-6231

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>March 31, 2022</b>    | <b>Deadline for new Eligibility Applications</b>  |
| <b>April - Sept 2022</b> | <b>Review of new Eligibility Applications, prepare Project Priority Lists, Intended Use Plan and DWSRF/BIL funding applications</b> |
| <b>July 2022</b>         | <b>Submit DWSRF/BIL funding applications to EPA</b>   |
| <b>Sept - Oct 2022</b>   | <b>Publish Draft Intended Use Plan for 30-day public comment period and conduct public hearing on Draft Intended Use Plan</b>       |
| <b>Oct - Nov 2022</b>    | <b>Finalize Intended Use Plan and publish Hearing Report</b>  |
| <b>December 2022</b>     | <b>Announce availability of DWSRF and BIL funding for SFY 2023 to projects on the Project Priority Lists</b>                        |

Any questions, please email at  
[dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov](mailto:dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov)

Webinar #2022- 0

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- Next **WUCC Implementation meeting is on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** on Teams. The agenda and meeting link are on the **[WUCC Webpage](#)**.
- **Save the Date: Watershed Inspector Training on Tuesday, November 8 at 470 Capitol Ave. Online Registration will be opening soon.**

Water Utilities

Certified Water Operators

Environmental Laboratories

- **Next webinar is on Thursday October 13, 2022 at 1 pm.**

September

**October 13, 2022**  
1 PM – 2 PM

**The October 2022 Webinar will be a special presentation for all stakeholders on the revisions to the CT DPH Capacity Development Strategy**

**Please consider attending and providing your feedback on this important initiative!**

Webinar #2022- 02

